assigned to undertake initially design, development and engineering of digital electronic switching system technology and subsequently telematics technology using state-of the art concept appropriate to Indian conditions.

(b) C-DOT has developed a family of digital switching system suitable for Indian conditions. These cover :

(i) 128P RAX
(ii) 128P/256P PABX
(iii) 512P RAX/MAX II
(iv) 16000 MAX

(i), (ii) and (iii) have been developed while (iv) is under field trial.

(c) No. Sir.

**Conversion of State Highways into National Highways in Maharashtra**

1059. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have submitted a proposal to the Central Government to convert the State Highways into National Highways ;

(b) if so, which State Highways in Marathwada region of Maharashtra State are proposed to be converted into National Highways ; and

(c) by when the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) During the Seventh Five Year Plan Maharashtra Government submitted a proposal for declaration of 11 State Highways having a length of 4679 Kms as National Highways.

(b) Due to constraint of resources it has not been possible to declare any State Highway as National Highway in Marathwada region.

(c) Inclusion of roads including those in Marathwada region in the National Highway grid would depend on the availability of resources in the 8th Five Year Plan.

**Talks with Bangladesh on 'Chakmas Issue'**

1060. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during his recent visit to Bangladesh the issue of 'Chakmas' unauthorised entry into India was raised with that Government ; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJARAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government wants the Chakma refugees to return voluntarily to their homes at the earliest and has urged Bangladesh to create the conditions to facilitate this. During my recent visit to Bangladesh, Bangladesh agreed to send a delegation from the Chittagong Hill Tracts to visit the camps in Tripura with a veiw to persuading the refugees to return.

**Complaints regarding Irregularities by Offfcials of MCD**

1061. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of complaints received by the Prime

Minister in the month of January, 1990, pertaining to the irregularities committed by the officials of dissolved Municipal Corporation of Delhi, by the general public and Members of Parliament ; and

(b) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Traffic problem in Delhi**

1062. DR. YELAMANCHILI SHIVAJI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no smooth flow of traffic on most of the roads in Delhi due to stocking of goods by shopkeepers and rehri-walas resulting in traffic jams and accidents ;

(b) whether any survey has been undertaken in Chandni Chowk, Qutab Road, Sadar Bazar, Karol Bagh, Maya Puri Swarg Ashram Sector of Delhi during the last six months; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Survey has been conducted at some places by the Civic Authorities with a view to regulate smooth flow of traffic.

**Road accidents in Delhi**

1063. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of road accidents that occurred in Delhi during the last six months ;

(b) the number of victims, injured and those who succumbed due to the injuries later on during the same period ;

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the kith and kin of those who died/injured;

(d) what effective steps Government have taken/propose to take to check the accidents ; and

(e) the number of vehicles involved in the accidents which were impounded and their drivers brought to book?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) to (c) and (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) Delhi Administration has intimated that the following steps have been taken to check accidents in Delhi :

(i) Delhi Administration has started a Govt. Motor Driving Training school to impart quality training to prospective drivers in Delhi. Besides, syllabi for training have been prepared in accordance with the New Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and circulated to all private motor driving training schools for strict compliance . These schools are recognised by the Delhi Administration, and inspection under New Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 have been carried out. Drivers test has been made more rigorous for purpose of issue of driving licences,